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(57) Abstract: A compound of the formula  $R^1 \cdot [(AO)_{n-} \cdot R^2]_m$  (I) where:  $R^1$  is the residue of a group having at least m active hydrogen atoms; AO is an alkylene oxide residue; each n is independently from 1 to 100; m is at least 2; and each  $R^2$  is independently H, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>21</sub> hydrocarbyl, or an acyl group -OC.R<sup>3</sup>, where R<sup>3</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>21</sub> hydrocarbyl group, wherein on average greater than one of the R<sup>2</sup> groups is or comprises a C<sub>4</sub> to C<sub>21</sub> hydrocarbyl group comprising at least two ethylenic double bonds. The compounds are particularly suitable for use in preparing aqueous emulsions or dispersions of resins and polymers, especially alkyd resins.